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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 10, and 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) Apparatus for helping to protect an occupant of a vehicle that has a side structure and a roof, said apparatus comprising:

an inflatable vehicle ocupant protection device that is inflatable in a direction away from the vehicle roof into a position between the side structure of the vehicle and a vehicle occupant, said inflatable vehicle occupant protection device comprising overlying panels that are